

LETTERS

Dear Editor,
As parent of a South High student, I went to the South-Palos Veddes football game Friday night, for the first time this season. I found the occasion very pleasant, the Homecoming program nicely presented, the well filled South stands, with many parents and alumni present, and the well behaved, spirited student body, a sight for sore eyes.

I can't say I enjoyed the football game as much. This is not a matter of winning or losing, though it is always nice to win if possible. It is

a matter of South's pattern of play from Dullsville, as the youngsters might put it. The first jolt was South using a substitute on every play as a "messenger" bringing in the play to be used. I'd like to think that high school lads who will need to develop initiative and leadership should be allowed to call the plays, within a determined game pattern, of course. But this is a personal opinion, I suppose other high schools have gone the "robot" route too.

The real "beef" is the type of plays sent in! South never threw a pass on first or second down until they were trailing by two touchdowns and the other team expected

it, and deployed for it. All through the first half they ran two ground plays, and more often three, mechanically into the tough PV line. This is very uninteresting "close-to-the-vest" football, and worse ineffective, since the opposition could mass to stop the ground plays. Twice South recovered fumbles in PV territory while still in the game, at 0-0 and 6-0, and both times continued the same running into a wall pattern, when the South quarterback was called upon to pass, he showed he could throw well indeed, completing a few blatties though the defense was spread for them, and barely missing a 50 yard connection with a

juggernaut type of ground game making passing, and "keeping the defense honest," unnecessary. Obviously South does not have this kind of team. In interesting contrast, PV fired a pass on the very first scrimmage play of the game, from its own 20. Though incomplete, the inter-relationship of football play is such that this uncertainty kept South's defense looser, opening it for the ground game. And even when well ahead, PV still fired for the long gainer rather than dully running out the clock.

This writer has no axe to grind, no son on the team, I do not even know the names of the coaches, and I am sure they are devoted hard working men, without the best material in the league. Just as a fan who might like to enjoy coming out and seeing the team again, and enjoying the pleasant occasion, please, let's see a little more daring and variety. A look at South's record indicates that it could do little harm. And it would stop a lot of yawning.

Again, and of course this is more important, congratulations to all concerned for the very fine, spirited and tasteful homecoming show between halves, to the cheering squad and the spirited student body.

Sincerely,
A Parent



ARTIST'S DRAWING of the new \$250,000 shopping center now under construction at Pacific Coast Highway and Neptune Ave. in Wilmington, shows the buildings will be of ultra-modern design. The center, being built by Commercial Building Co., headed by Steven Markovits and Tibor Horvath, should be completed and ready for occupancy by the first of the year. Leases for some of the shops adjacent to the liquor store-food mart shown at left are now being accepted. Details in accompanying story.

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Highlights Club Famous Gaugin

In one of his famous paintings, "Women Under the Pandanus," French artist Paul Gaugin captured a part of the active-leisure life of Polynesian women. The postimpressionist work has been classed as one of Gaugin's finest examples of color and pattern forms.

This Gaugin work has appropriately been reproduced by Los Angeles artist George Norelius who has just completed the painting in a form of a 9 1/2 by 11-foot mural on the lobby wall of the 10,000-square-foot clubhouse and recreation building at New Horizons-South Bay, adult recreation and garden home community in Torrance.

"Since New Horizons' clubhouse is of Polynesian architecture and the project itself represents an active-leisure way of life, it was decided that Gaugin's rich work would best exemplify the building's styling and purpose," said Ray Watt, New Horizons developer who commissioned Norelius to paint the mural.

A pandanus, Norelius explained, is a variety of an Asiatic shrub-like tree of the screw pine group which grows profusely in South Sea islands. Three women in the painting are going about their daily routines of collecting fruit, sewing and washing clothes.

New Horizons, \$18 million gold Medallion condominium project, will contain 600 garden homes. Already in operation are a 10,000-square-foot clubhouse and recreation building, nine-hole 3-par golf course, putting green surrounded by a lake, swimming pool, shuffleboard, paddle tennis, ping pong, horse-shoe and croquet facilities, a "bonus" included in the price of the home.

Residency, according to Watt, is limited to families in which one spouse must be 35 years old or more or to single persons 35 years old or more. No children less than 18 years of age must be permanent residents.

New Horizons' land planning concept, created by Ted Robinson, noted land planner and golf course architect, creates a park-like atmosphere through use of the nine-hole golf course, landscaped pedestrian malls and greenbelts between garden home buildings and the putting green.

New Horizons garden homes include one bedroom and convertible den, two-bath; two bedroom deluxe, two-bath; and two bedroom and convertible den, two-bath plans ranging up to 1215 square feet. Prices range from \$19,995 to \$28,500.

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